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**The Speaker's Rooms**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

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Dear Mr. Perez:

This letter reflects our telephone conversation of today in which we discussed the upcoming visit of a staff delegation to San Salvador, El Salvador. The Speaker will authorize five staff of the Intelligence, Foreign Affairs, Rules, and Merchant Marine and Fisheries committees to travel to San Salvador January 8-10 for the purpose of meeting with U.S. and Salvadoran officials and with church and other leaders to discuss the Salvadoran government's investigation of the November 16, 1989 murders of six Jesuits and two women. This staff visit will also lay the foundation for a subsequent delegation of House Members to look into the same matter.

As you may know, the Speaker appointed a special committee of the Democratic Central American Task Force to monitor the investigation of the murder of the Jesuits. The staff making the January 8-10 visit to San Salvador will be assisting the special committee but will include Republican staff as well.

The staff delegation would appreciate the advice of our embassy in San Salvador on the security situation in the city, but if at all possible desires to remain overnight in San Salvador, preferably at a hotel with adequate security. The staff delegation would appreciate the embassy reserving single room accommodations for the nights of January 8th and 9th, except that at least one room should have an adjoining room that can be used for meetings. The staff delegation would also appreciate the services of a translator or of an embassy officer who could serve this purpose. The staff delegation would also appreciate the use of an embassy car and driver for visits and appointments.

The staff delegation plans to arrive via U.S. military aircraft in the early afternoon of January 8th (approximately 1 pm San Salvador time) and to depart at approximately 5 pm on January 10th.

The staff delegation would appreciate the embassy making appointments with the following U.S. officials: Ambassador Walker, Mr. Chidichester, and the embassy human rights officer. Other embassy appointments will be requested via separate channels.

The staff delegation would appreciate the embassy making appointments with the following Salvadoran officials: Lt. Col.

Rivas Mejeia, Chief of the Special Investigative Unit; Col. Ponce, the Armed Forces Chief of Staff; Col. Cepeda, the Vice Minister of Defense; the Commander of the First Brigade; the commanders of other military units stationed in the vicinity of the University of Central America on November 15-16, 1989; Attorney General Colorado; Judge Zamora; and the head of the government's Human Rights Commission. The staff delegation would appreciate the recommendation of the embassy on the possibility and appropriateness of meeting with Roberto D'Aubisson or another ARENA official.

The staff delegation would appreciate the embassy making appointments with the following persons: Archbishop Riviera y Damas and Maria Julia Hernandez; Fr. Tojiera, the Jesuit provincial for Central America; Mr. Chavez Mena; and Ms. Jemera Rone, America's Watch.

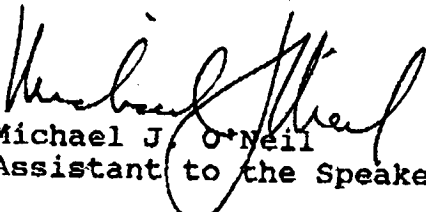
The staff delegation appreciates that the above list is extensive and that it has requested a very full schedule of appointments. The staff delegation is willing to have working lunches and dinners and to work very full days. The staff delegation requests that one evening be left free, but would welcome the opportunity for an informal meeting with embassy officers on the other evening.

The staff delegation welcomes the presence of embassy officers at all of its official appointments and solicits the views of the embassy on whether embassy officers should accompany the staff delegation in its other appointments.

The staff delegation would appreciate beginning its visit to San Salvador with a visit to the Jesuit residence where the murders were committed.

The staff delegation would appreciate any suggestions the embassy might wish to make with respect to the proposed schedule. If you have any questions or comments of your own, please call me at 225-8550.

Sincerely,

  
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